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FROM RSO TO SY AND ARA: PANAMA FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TERRORIST AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

MONTH OF APRIL 1978

1. DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL, NUMEROUS LABOR UNIONS IN THE CITY OF MAR DEL PLATA RECEIVED BULLETINS OF THE CGT-R (GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOR - RESISTANCE, A MONTONERO GROUP).

2. APR 2 - IN CORDOBA, ERP INSIGNIAS WERE FOUND PAINTED ON A BRIDGE AND SOME BUILDINGS. THIS IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE ERP PRESS AND PROPAGANDA SECTION.

- ON THE SAME DAY, SOME COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS IN CORDOBA RECEIVED VIA MAIL FROM MEXICO BULLETIN NO. 5 OF THE SENIOR COUNCIL OF THE MONTONERO PERONIST MOVEMENT (MPM).

- PAMPHLETS WERE MAILED FROM BUENOS AIRES TO VARIOUS UNIONS IN THE CITY OF CORDOBA. TITLE OF THE PAMPHLET WAS:

FIVE YEARS OF POPULAR TRIUMPH.

APR 4: THE BODIES OF TWO TERRORISTS WERE FOUND IN A

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RESIDENCE IN THE RURAL AREA OF RIO TERCERO. THEY WERE IDENTIFIED AS IVAN BROLLO AND CESAR ARGANARAZ. BOTH MEN HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PRT-ERP ATTACK ON THE MILITARY FACTORY IN VILLA MARIA IN 1974.

APR 6 - IN LA PLATA, ITEMS OF TERRORIST MANUFACTURE WERE FOUND BELONGING TO THE PCML (MARXIST-LENINIST-COMMUNIST PARTY) OF THE LA PLATA REGION. MATERIALS INCLUDING EQUIPMENT

TO MANUFACTURE SHOTGUN AND REVOLVER AMMUNITION.

APR 7 - PRESS AND PROPAGANDA SECTION OF THE FEDERATION JUVENILE COMMUNISTA (FJC) BEGAN TO ISSUE THEIR PUBLICATION CALLED "CONCIENCIA" AND "IMAGEN", BOTH BI-WEEKLY.

- ON THE SAME DATE IN RESISTENCIA, RETIRED MAJOR ISAAC MANN RECEIVED A PAMPHLET ENTITLED "MESSAGE TO OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, NO. 2" BY THE NATIONAL STAFF OF THE MONTONERO ARMY. THE PAMPHLET WAS DATED JANUARY 1978.

APR 8 - SUBVERSIVES IN A LIGHT BLUE TRUCK OPENED FIRE ON THE TIGRE COAST GUARD BUILDING. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

APR 10 - IN SAN LUIS, LOCAL UNION HQ OF UOCRA (CONSTRUCTION WORKERS UNION) REPORTED RECEIVING MONTONERO PAMPHLETS FROM BUENOS AIRES.

APR 11 - IN SAN ISIDRO, SUBURB OF BUENOS AIRES, TWO PERSONS DRIVING A WHITE FIAT 125 SHOT DR. MIGUEL TOBIAS PADILLA, UNDERSECRETARY OF ECONOMIC PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY. DR. PADILLA DIED ENROUTE TO THE HOSPITAL AFTER RECEIVING 4-5 BULLET WOUNDS. NOTE: SECURITY SERVICES DO NOT BELIEVE THIS WAS A TERRORIST OPERATION.

APR 12 - MONTONERO PAMPHLET WAS MAILED FROM THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TO THE CORDOBA CHIEF OF THE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS BATAILLION. A SIMILAR PAMPHLET WAS RECEIVED ON APR 14 IN POSADAS, ADDRESSED TO THE GOVERNOR OF MISIONES PROVINCE.

- APR 14: THE RESIDENCE OF MR. DONALD JOHNSON, U.S. EMPLOYEE OF ALUAR, DIVISION OF REYNOLDS ALUMINUM, WAS ATTACKED BY SUBVERSIVES USING A G-40 GRENADE, FIRE FROM A CONFIDENTIAL

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GRENADE LAUNCHER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES BUT CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE RESIDENCE (SEE B.A. 3106 FOR MORE DETAILS).

- PAMPHLET WAS RECEIVED BY THE ASSIST. CHIEF OF THE FIFTH ARMY CORPS ENTITLED, "MESSAGES OF THE ARMED FORCES, NO. 2."

- ON THE SAME DATE IN SANTA FE, THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVT EMPLOYEES RECEIVED FROM PARIS A BULLETIN OF THE MONTONERO PERONIST MOVEMENT COVERING LAST AUG AND SEPT.

- ON THE SAME DATE, SEVERAL PERSONS ATTACKED FEDERAL POLICE AGENT HUGO GALEANO AND STOLE HIS BROWNING 9 MM PISTOL AND AMMUNITION. THIS OCCURRED IN BS.AS. PROVINCE.

- APR 17: IN SANTA FE, UNKNOWN SUBVERSIVES SHOT AT THE HOME OF CP. TABORDA OF THE RADIO ELECTRIC COMMAND. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

- ON THE SAME DATE, THE ASSOCIATION OF SANITARY WORKERS IN SALTA RECEIVED FROM FRANCE TWO ENVELOPES CONTAINING MPM PAMPHLETS.

APR 18: A PAMPHLET ENTITLED, "MOVEMENT NO. 5" PERTAINING TO THE MONTONEROS WAS RECEIVED BY THE ASSOCIATION FRIULANA IN CORDOBA. THE PAMPHLET HAD BEEN MAILED FROM HONDURAS.

- ON THE SAME DATE, IN LA PLATA, CHALK MARKS WERE FOUND IN

THE STREETS STATING MONTONEROS WILL DEFEAT THE MILITARY.

- SEVERAL PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE SUBVERSIVES ATTACKED AND
REMOVED THREE REVOLVERS FROM CORDOBA POLICE SUBCOMISARIO OSCAR
CARRIZO.

APR 19: IN LA PLATA, PRISON GUARD JOSE LUIS GUILLERMO OF THE
OLMOS PENITENTIARY SECURITY GUARDS WAS SHOT IN BOTH LEGS
BY PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE SUBVERSIVES.

APR:21 IN QUILMES, BS.AS. PROVINCE, A POWERFUL BOMB
WAS DISCOVERED IN FRONT OF A RESIDENCE BELONGING TO NAVY
CHAPLAIN PEDRO FERNANDEZ.

- IN MENDOZA, PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE SUBVERSIVES CUT

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FROM RSO TO SY AND ARA: PANAMA FOR RSS

FOUR MASTER ELECTRIC LINES WITH INTERFACE TO THE 100-LINE
SYSTEM INSTALLED FOR THE WORLD CUP.

APR 22: IT WAS REPORTED THAT CGT-R HAD SENT TO SEVERAL
UNIONS IN TUCUMAN AND SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO COPIES OF
BULLETIN NO. 2 "RESISTANCE" OF THE CGT-R.

- ON THE SAME DATE, PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE SUBVERSIVES
SHOT AT POST THREE OF THE LA PLATA MILITARY DISTRICT.
NO ONE WAS INJURED AND THE ATTACKERS ESCAPED.

- IN BANFIELD, BS.AS. PROVINCE, AN EXPLOSIVE
DEVICE DETONATED AT THE HOME OF FORMER BUENOS AIRES
GOVERNOR OSCAR ALENDE, CAUSING SERIOUS DAMAGES TO THE
PREMISES AND A SHOP NEXT DOOR. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

APR 24: IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL AT CABELLO 3679, A
SMALL BOMB DETONATED IN THE APT. BUILDING CAUSING
MWTERIAL DAMAGE AND ONE INJURY.

APR 26: AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DETONATED AT THE GENERAL

SAN MARTIN PROVINCIAL SCHOOL IN CORDOBA. THE BOMB CAUSED SERIOUS MATERIAL DAMAGE.

- RAUL ANTONIO AYBAR TURNED HIMSELF IN TO COMANDO FOUR IN TUCUMAN. HE BELONGED TO THE PRT-ERP.

APR 27: SEVERAL UNIONS IN CORDOBA PROVINCE RECEIVED
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FROM BS. AS. BULLETIN NO. 207, DATED APR 12, 1978, OF THE MARXIST-COMMUNIST-LENINIST PARTY.

APR 30: IN THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF ROSARIO, THE NEWSPAPZR "NUEVA HORA", A PCR PUBLICATION, WAS DISTRIBUTED. IT WAS DATED MARCH 25, 1978. THERE WERE ALSO BULLETINS DISTRIBUTED FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

- ON THE SAME DATE IN MENDOZA, AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS

DETAONATED IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE OF CARLOS ALBERTO CURCHOD. THE BOMB WAS PLACED UNDER HIS CAR AND CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE. CURCHOD WORKS IN THE CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING AND ALSO BELONGS TO THE CIVIL INTELLIGENCE GROUP "C" OF THE AIR FORCE.

3. RSO COMMENT: DURING APRIL, RSO MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE SECURITY SERVICES CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. SOURCES STATED THE CURRENT TERRORIST STRENGTH IS 450-500 MONTONERO COMBATANTS, OF WHICH 150 ARE OUTSIDE OF ARGENTINA, AND 200-275 MEMBERS OF THE RP, OF WHOM ONLY 20 ARE CONSIDERED COMBATANTS, SUPPORTED BY A CADRE OF APPROXIMATELY 100-175 PERSONS IN ARGENTINA. BOTH ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE ERP, ARE WEAK AND HAVE ONLY LIMITED COMBAT CAPABILITY. HOWEVER, THE MONTONEROS CONTINUE ATTACKS ON SOFT TARGETS, INCLUDING BUSINESS PERSONNEL AND MEMBERS OF THE GOA. CASE IN POINT WAS THE ATTACK AGAINST THE HOME OF MR. DON JOHNSONS, U.S. EMPLOYEE OF ALUAR, A DIVISION OF REYNOLDS ALUMINUM, ON 4-14-78. HIS RESIDENCE WAS APPARENTLY THE TARGET OF A G-40 GRENADE FIRE FROM A GRENADE LAUNCHER.

4. SOURCES STATED THE MONTONEROS, IN SPITE OF LOGISTIC WEAKNESS, STILL HAVE A SUPPLY OF THE LG 22 MP GRENADE
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LAUNCHER WHICH IS A SOPHISTICATED BAZOOKA-LIKE ATTACK WEAPON AS WELL AS THE SFM G 70 A AND SFM G 40 GRENADES WHICH ARE FIRED FROM THE LAUNCHER. BOTH THESE GRENADES HAVE AN ACCURACY UP TO APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS AND WILL

PENETRATE ONE-HALF INCH OF STEEL. THEY ARE USED AGAINST POLICE PRECINCTS AND MILITARY AND POLICE VEHICLES AS WELL AS OCCASIONALLY IN ATTACKS ON RESIDENCES. THE G 40 IS THE NEWEST IN THEIR SERIES OF LAUNCHED GRENADES. THEY HAVE ALSO REFINED THEIR HAND GRENADE AND DEVELOPED THE SMF G 5 WHICH CONTAINS A VERY HIGH SHRAPNEL CONTENT. UNDER DEVELOPMENT, IS THE SFM TROMBA WHICH IS A LAUNCHER USED TO CONVERT A 12 GAUGE SHOTGUN TO FIRE GRENADES AND THE SFM LGE 22 WHICH IS A SMALL MORAR ONLY IN THE DESIGN STAGE. SOURCES STATED THAT EVEN THOUGH THE MONTONEROS HAVE IN SOME AREAS IMPROVED THEIR WEAPONS, THEY ARE IN VERY LIMITED SUPPLY.

5. THEY HAVE ALSO CTONINUED THEIR DEVELOPMENT OF EXPLOSIVES AND ARE CURRENTLY USING A PLASTIQUE WHICH THEY DESIGNATE AS C2. THE MOST CURRENT EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IS NORMALLY PACKED IN A PLASTIC CYLINDER, 17 CMS HIGH AND 9 CMS IN DIAMETER. IT IS MANUFACTURED TO PRODUCE AN EXPLOSION IN ONE DIRECTION, SIMILAR TO A SHAPED CHARGE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT IT WAS DEVELOPED FOR ATTACKS AGAINST HOMES AND SHOPS WITH THE IDEA OF PRODUCING MAXIMUM DESTRUCTION IN ONE DIRECTION AND DIMINISHING EXPLOSIVE EFFECTS IN OTHER DIRECTIONS. IT IS ACTIVATED BY A TIMER SIMILAR TO THE ONE USED IN WASHING MACHINES AND IS SET NORMALLY FOR A FIVE MINUTE DELAY. THE ACTIVATING SYSTEM IS ELECTRIC AND USED A 1.5 VOLT BATTERY AND A NUMBER 8 ELECTRICAL DETONATOR OF AUSTRIAN MANUFACTURE. THE EXPLOSIVE CHARGE CONTAINS 800 GMS OF AMYNITE ALUMINIZED POWDER. IT CAN BE MANUFACTURED WITH AMMONIUM NITRATE, POTASSIUM PERCHLORATE, RUBBER POWDER AND ALUMINUM POWDER. THE EFFECTS ARE QUITE SIMILAR TO TNT. IT ALSO CONTAINS A TRIAL CIRCUIT CHECK SYSTEM WITH A PARALLEL CIRCUIT USING A 1.5 VOLT

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LAMP. THE EXPLOSIVE FORCE CAN PENETRATE 60 CM. OF A MASONRY WALL OR 10 CMS OF STEEL. ACCORDING TO SECURITY SERVICES, THIS EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IS THE NEWEST IN THE TERRORIST ARSENAL OF WEAPONS. HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF IMPROVEMENT IN EXPLOSIVES, COMISARIO MARTINI, CHIEF OF FEDERAL POLICE EXPLOSIVES BRIGADE, STATED THAT BOMB INCIDENTS ARE GREATLY RED# FROM THIS TIME LAST YEAR AND THAT SOME EXPERTS OF THE POLICE DEMOLITION UNITS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO ROUTINE INSPECTION DUTIES. SOURCE STATED HE EXPECTS THIS DOWNWARD TREND TO CONTINUE WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF JUNE 1978, DURING THE WORLD CUP. ALL OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO RSO SUPPORTS THIS VIEWPOINT.

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